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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ATTENDANCE AT PAA/WT MEETING

REF: STATE 188863

1. EMBASSY FEELS THERE ARE GOOD REASONS WHY TRANSPORT OFFICER SHOULD BE PRESENT AT FIRST MEETING BETWEEN PAN AMERICAN (PAA) AND NIGERIA AIRWAYS (WT) SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28. NIGERIA AIRWAYS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT POLICY LEVEL BY ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ALLWELL-BROWN. LOCAL PAA REP DOES NOT KNOW ALLWELL-BROWN WHILE EMBOFF HAS CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE WT OFFICIAL. ALSO, COMMERCIAL MARKETING MANAGER WT STATED TO EMBOFF WHEN MEETING WAS BEING ARRANGED THAT HE (THE OFFICIAL) HAD SOME SERIOUS ISSUES TO RAISE WITH PAA.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS IT COULD SERVE USEFUL INTER-MEDIARY FUNCTION BY ATTENDING MEETING. CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALLWELL-BROWN AND POSSIBILITY FOR HEATED DISCUSSION BASED ON WT'S MISUNDERSTANDING ARGUE FOR THIS EMBASSY ROLE. SINCE THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TWO AIRWAYS, THE COST IN TERMS OF RESTRAINT CAUSED BY USG PRESENCE WOULD BE SMALL. FINALLY, WE WOULD DEMONSTRATE
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USG INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM TO WT, REINFORCING THE EARLIER STATEMENT OF INTEREST ADDRESSED TO CIVAIR MIN. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER INFORMATION, EMBASSY PLANS TO ATTEND 11:00 MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 28.
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